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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

DARWIN BOGGS,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

CLK STAR, LLC D/B/A CARL'S JR.; and  
DOES 1 to 10,  
Defendants.

**Case No.:**

COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE  
RELIEF AND DAMAGES FOR DENIAL  
OF CIVIL RIGHTS OF A DISABLED  
PERSON IN VIOLATIONS OF

1. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES  
ACT, 42 U.S.C. §12131 et seq.;
2. CALIFORNIA'S UNRUH CIVIL  
RIGHTS ACT;
3. CALIFORNIA'S DISABLED  
PERSONS ACT;
4. CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY  
CODE;
5. NEGLIGENCE

Plaintiff DARWIN BOGGS ("Plaintiff") complains of Defendants CLK STAR, LLC D/B/A CARL'S JR.; and DOES 1 to 10 ("Defendants") and alleges as follows:

**PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff is a California resident with a physical disability. Plaintiff suffers from paraplegia and is substantially limited in his ability to walk. Plaintiff requires the use of a wheelchair at all times when traveling in public.

2. Defendants are, or were at the time of the incident, the real property owners, business operators, lessors and/or lessees of the real property for a restaurant (“Business”) located at or about 57222 29 Palms Hwy., Yucca Valley, California.

4. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges that, at all relevant times, each of the Defendants was the agent, employee, or alter-ego of each of the other Defendants, and/or was acting in concert with each of the other Defendants, and in doing the things alleged herein was acting with the knowledge and consent of the other Defendants and within the course and scope of such agency or employment relationship.

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. The Court has jurisdiction of this action pursuant to 28 USC §§ 1331 and 1343 for violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, (42 USC §12101, *et seq.*).

8. Plaintiff's claims are authorized by 28 USC §§ 2201 and 2202.

1           9. Venue is proper in this court pursuant to 28 USC §1391(b). The real  
2 property which is the subject of this action is located in this district, San Bernardino  
3 County, California, and that all actions complained of herein take place in this district.

4                                   **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

5           10. In or about October of 2024, Plaintiff went to the Business.

6           11. The Business is a restaurant business establishment, open to the public, and  
7 is a place of public accommodation that affects commerce through its operation.

8           12. While attempting to enter the Business during each visit, Plaintiff personally  
9 encountered a number of barriers that interfered with his ability to use and enjoy the  
10 goods, services, privileges, and accommodations offered at the Business.

11           13. To the extent of Plaintiff's personal knowledge, the barriers at the Business  
12 included, but were not limited to, the following:

13                   a. Defendants failed to comply with the federal standard for the  
14                   restroom. The restroom was not accessible and violated various  
15                   American with Disability Act Accessibility Guideline ("ADAAG")  
16                   requirements, including but not limited to:

17                           a. sink pipe insulation; and

18                           b. inadequate turning space

19           14. These barriers and conditions denied Plaintiff full and equal access to the  
20 Business and caused Plaintiff difficulty and frustration. Plaintiff wishes to return and  
21 patronize the Business; however, Plaintiff is deterred from visiting the Business because  
22 his knowledge of these violations prevents him from returning until the barriers are  
23 removed.

24           15. Based on the violations, Plaintiff alleges, on information and belief, that  
25 there are additional barriers to accessibility at the Business after further site inspection.  
26 Plaintiff seeks to have all barriers related to his disability remedied. *See Doran v. 7-*  
27 *Eleven, Inc.* 524 F.3d 1034 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2008).  
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16. In addition, Plaintiff alleges, on information and belief, that Defendants knew that particular barriers render the Business inaccessible, violate state and federal law, and interfere with access for the physically disabled.

### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

18. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each of the allegations in all prior paragraphs in this complaint.

20. Discrimination, *inter alia*, includes:

b. A failure to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded, denied services, segregated or

1 otherwise treated differently than other individuals because of the  
2 absence of auxiliary aids and services, unless the entity can  
3 demonstrate that taking such steps would fundamentally alter the  
4 nature of the good, service, facility, privilege, advantage, or  
5 accommodation being offered or would result in an undue burden. 42  
6 U.S.C. § 12182(b)(2)(A)(iii).

7 c. A failure to remove architectural barriers, and communication barriers  
8 that are structural in nature, in existing facilities, and transportation  
9 barriers in existing vehicles and rail passenger cars used by an  
10 establishment for transporting individuals (not including barriers that  
11 can only be removed through the retrofitting of vehicles or rail  
12 passenger cars by the installation of a hydraulic or other lift), where  
13 such removal is readily achievable. 42 U.S.C. § 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv).

14 d. A failure to make alterations in such a manner that, to the maximum  
15 extent feasible, the altered portions of the facility are readily  
16 accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including  
17 individuals who use wheelchairs or to ensure that, to the maximum  
18 extent feasible, the path of travel to the altered area and the  
19 bathrooms, telephones, and drinking fountains serving the altered  
20 area, are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with  
21 disabilities where such alterations to the path or travel or the  
22 bathrooms, telephones, and drinking fountains serving the altered area  
23 are not disproportionate to the overall alterations in terms of cost and  
24 scope. 42 U.S.C. § 12183(a)(2).

25 21. Water supply and drainpipes under lavatories and sinks shall be insulated or  
26 otherwise configured to protect against contact. There shall be no sharp or abrasive  
27 surfaces under lavatories and sinks. 2010 ADA Standards § 606.5.

28 22. Here, Defendants failed to properly insulate the drainpipes under the sink.

23. The turning space shall be a space of 60 inches (1525 mm) diameter minimum. The space shall be permitted to include knee and toe clearance complying with 306. 2010 ADA Standards § 304.3.1. Toilet and bathing rooms shall comply with 603. Turning space complying with 304 shall be provided within the room. 2010 ADA Standards § 603.2.1. A clear floor space 30 in by 48 in (760 mm by 1220 mm) complying with 4.2.4 shall be provided in front of a lavatory to allow forward approach. Such clear floor space shall adjoin or overlap an accessible route and shall extend a maximum of 19 in (485 mm) underneath the lavatory. 1991 ADA Standards § 4.19.3.

24. Here, Defendants failed to comply with the federal standard by failing to provide adequate turning space of minimum 60 inches in the restroom.

25. A public accommodation shall maintain in operable working condition those features of facilities and equipment that are required to be readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities by the Act or this part. 28 C.F.R. 35.211(a).

26. By failing to maintain the facility to be readily accessible and usable by Plaintiff, Defendants are in violation of Plaintiff's rights under the ADA and its related regulations.

27. The Business has denied and continues to deny full and equal access to Plaintiff and to other people with disabilities. Plaintiff has been and will continue to be discriminated against due to the lack of accessible facilities, and therefore, seeks injunctive relief to alter facilities to make such facilities readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

## **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

### **VIOLATION OF THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT**

28. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each of the allegations in all prior paragraphs in this complaint.

29. California Civil Code § 51 states, "All persons within the jurisdiction of this state are free and equal, and no matter what their sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sexual

1 orientation, citizenship, primary language, or immigration status are entitled to the full  
2 and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business  
3 establishments of every kind whatsoever.”

4 30. California Civil Code § 52 states, “Whoever denies, aids or incites a denial,  
5 or make any discrimination or distinction contrary to Section 51, 51.5, or 51.6, is liable  
6 for each and every offense for the actual damages, and any amount that may be  
7 determined by a jury, or a court sitting without a jury, up to a maximum of three times the  
8 amount of actual damage but in no case less than four thousand dollars (\$4,000) and any  
9 attorney’s fees that may be determined by the court in addition thereto, suffered by any  
10 person denied the rights provided in Section 51, 51.5, or 51.6.

11 31. California Civil Code § 51(f) specifies, “a violation of the right of any  
12 individual under federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336)  
13 shall also constitute a violation of this section.”

14 32. The actions and omissions of Defendants alleged herein constitute a denial  
15 of full and equal accommodation, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services by  
16 physically disabled persons within the meaning of California Civil Code §§ 51 and 52.  
17 Defendants have discriminated against Plaintiff in violation of California Civil Code §§  
18 51 and 52.

19 33. The violations of the Unruh Civil Rights Act caused Plaintiff to experience  
20 difficulty, discomfort, or embarrassment. The Defendants are also liable for statutory  
21 damages as specified in California Civil Code §55.56(a)-(c).

### 22 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### 23 **VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA DISABLED PERSONS ACT**

24 34. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each of the allegations in all prior  
25 paragraphs in this complaint.

26 35. California Civil Code § 54.1(a) states, “Individuals with disabilities shall be  
27 entitled to full and equal access, as other members of the general public, to  
28 accommodations, advantages, facilities, medical facilities, including hospitals, clinics,



1 and physicians' offices, and privileges of all common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles,  
2 railroad trains, motorbuses, streetcars, boats, or any other public conveyances or modes  
3 of transportation (whether private, public, franchised, licensed, contracted, or otherwise  
4 provided), telephone facilities, adoption agencies, private schools, hotels, loading places,  
5 places of public accommodations, amusement, or resort, and other places in which the  
6 general public is invited, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by  
7 law, or state or federal regulation, and applicable alike to all persons.

8 36. California Civil Code § 54.3(a) states, "Any person or persons, firm or  
9 corporation who denies or interferes with admittance to or enjoyment of public facilities  
10 as specified in Sections 54 and 54.1 or otherwise interferes with the rights of an  
11 individual with a disability under Sections 54, 54.1 and 54.2 is liable for each offense for  
12 the actual damages, and any amount as may be determined by a jury, or a court sitting  
13 without a jury, up to a maximum of three times the amount of actual damages but in no  
14 case less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and any attorney's fees that may be  
15 determined by the court in addition thereto, suffered by any person denied the rights  
16 provided in Section 54, 54.1, and 54.2.

17 37. California Civil Code § 54(d) specifies, "a violation of the right of an  
18 individual under Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336) also  
19 constitute a violation of this section, and nothing in this section shall be construed to limit  
20 the access of any person in violation of that act.

21 38. The actions and omissions of Defendants alleged herein constitute a denial  
22 of full and equal accommodation, advantages, and facilities by physically disabled  
23 persons within the meaning of California Civil Code § 54. Defendants have  
24 discriminated against Plaintiff in violation of California Civil Code § 54.

25 39. The violations of the California Disabled Persons Act caused Plaintiff to  
26 experience difficulty, discomfort, and embarrassment. The Defendants are also liable for  
27 statutory damages as specified in California Civil Code §55.56(a)-(c).

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**FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

**CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 19955, et seq.**

40. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each of the allegations in all prior paragraphs in this complaint.

41. Plaintiff and other similar physically disabled persons who require the use of a wheelchair are unable to use public facilities on a “full and equal” basis unless each such facility is in compliance with the provisions of California Health & Safety Code § 19955 et seq. Plaintiff is a member of the public whose rights are protected by the provisions of California Health & Safety Code § 19955 et seq.

42. The purpose of California Health & Safety Code § 1995 et seq. is to ensure that public accommodations or facilities constructed in this state with private funds adhere to the provisions of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 4450) of Division 5 of Title 1 of the Government Code. The code relating to such public accommodations also require that “when sanitary facilities are made available for the public, clients, or employees in these stations, centers, or buildings, they shall be made available for persons with disabilities.

43. Title II of the ADA holds as a “general rule” that no individual shall be discriminated against on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of goods (or use), services, facilities, privileges, and accommodations offered by any person who owns, operates, or leases a place of public accommodation. 42 U.S.C. § 12182(a). Further, each and every violation of the ADA also constitutes a separate and distinct violation of California Civil Code §§ 54(c) and 54.1(d), thus independently justifying an award of damages and injunctive relief pursuant to California law, including but not limited to Civil Code § 54.3 and Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq.

**FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

**NEGLIGENCE**

44. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each of the allegations in all prior paragraphs in this complaint.

45. Defendants have a general duty and a duty under the ADA, Unruh Civil Rights Act and California Disabled Persons Act to provide safe and accessible facilities to the Plaintiff.

46. Defendants breached their duty of care by violating the provisions of ADA, Unruh Civil Rights Act and California Disabled Persons Act.

47. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligent conduct, Plaintiff has suffered damages.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays for relief and judgment against Defendants as follows:

1. For preliminary and permanent injunction directing Defendants to comply with the Americans with Disability Act and the Unruh Civil Rights Act;
2. Award of all appropriate damages, including but not limited to statutory damages, general damages and treble damages in amounts, according to proof;
3. Award of all reasonable restitution for Defendants' unfair competition practices;
4. Reasonable attorney's fees, litigation expenses, and costs of suit in this action;
5. Prejudgment interest pursuant to California Civil Code § 3291; and
6. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

**DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: January 21, 2025

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